

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 14, 18, 29, 30 and 31.

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) An assembly for increasing hair volume or length comprising:

a removable support tape having an adhesive face to be adhered to head hair; and

a plurality of hair extensions, aligned and substantially parallel to each other, each of them comprising a respective connecting element at the proximal end thereof to be activated for fixing the hair extension to head hair,

said connecting elements of said plurality of hair extensions being [aligned and substantially parallel with their connecting elements] located on the adhesive face of the removable support tape, to retain said hair extensions onto the removable support tape before the activation of said connecting element, said removable support tape being intended to be removed from the head hair after the activation of said connecting element.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein said support tape is transparent.

18. (Currently amended) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the connecting [fixing] elements are made of a thermoplastic material.

19. (Original) An assembly according to claim 18, wherein the thermoplastic material is made of one of a group consisting of polyester and polyamide and polyurethane.

20. (Original) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein a protective tape is provided on said support tape to be removed before adhering the support tape to the head hair.

21. (Original) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the support tape is resistant to heat.

22. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the connecting elements include decorative elements.

23. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the adhesive face of the support tape is based upon an adhesive of a non-permanent and revisable type operated by pressure and with an adhesive force on the support tape greater than that produced on the connecting elements.

24. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the connecting elements comprise an adhesive substance comprised of one of the group consisting of thermoplastic material, thermosetting material, heat-activated glues and glues activated by exposure to air.

25. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the connecting elements are arranged along a straight line with spaces between them on the support tape.

26. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 14 wherein the connecting elements and the hair have the same color.

27. (Original) An assembly according to claim 14, wherein the connecting elements comprises plates having at least layers of plastic with different melting points.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) A system for use in increasing hair volume or length, comprising:

a removable support tape having an adhesive face to be adhered to head hair;

a plurality of hair extensions, aligned and substantially parallel to each other, each of them comprising a respective connecting element at the proximal end thereof to be activated for fixing the hair extensions to head hair, said [hair extensions] connecting elements being [aligned and substantially parallel with their connecting fixing elements] located on the adhesive face of the removable support tape to retain said hair extensions onto the removable support tape before the activation of said connecting element; and

a gripper device for applying, when said removable support tape is positioned onto the head hair, at least one of mechanical energy, heat and ultrasonic energy via at least one of two pressure elements which are elongated to apply a uniform pressure along a length of the tape on

each of said connecting elements, whereby the connecting elements are activated, said removable support tape being intended to be removed from the head hair after the activation of said connecting element.

30. (Currently amended) An assembly for increasing hair volume or length comprising:

a removable support tape having an adhesive face to be adhered to head hair;

a plurality of hair extensions, aligned and substantially parallel to each other, each of them comprising a respective connecting element at the proximal end thereof to be activated for fixing the hair extensions to head hair, said [hair extensions] connecting elements being [aligned and substantially parallel with their elements] located on the adhesive face of the removable support tape to retain said hair extensions onto the removable support tape before the activation of said connecting element; and

means for activating said connecting elements when said removable support tape is positioned onto the head hair, said removable support tape being intended to be removed from the head hair after the activation of said connecting element [practicing a method of increasing hair volume or length utilizing said support tape and said plurality of hair extensions].

31. (Currently amended) An assembly for increasing hair volume or length comprising:

a support tape having an adhesive face;

a plurality of extensions, comprising several hairs, which are connected by a respective connecting [fixing] element, said extensions being aligned and substantially parallel to each other, each of said connecting [with their fixing] elements being located on the support tape at

said adhesive face; and

activating [connecting] means associated with said connecting [the fixing] elements to connect the extensions to head hair;

the connecting [fixing] elements comprising plates having at least layers with different melting points.